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**WOMEN'S CAUCUS STATEMENT ON RETIREMENT
OF U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR**

Reps. Brown-Waite and Solis Honor First Female U.S. Supreme Court Justice

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – **Reps. Ginny Brown-Waite (FL-05) and Hilda L. Solis (CA-32)**, Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, issued the following statement regarding the resignation of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor:

"Women today owe their success in the legal profession to the ground-breaking actions of women like Sandra Day O'Connor," said Rep. Brown-Waite. "Justice O'Connor's two decades on the Supreme Court have encouraged thousands of women to enter the legal profession. Her courage, fortitude, and judicial temperance enabled her to ably serve on the nation's highest Court and become a role model for all American women. Justice O'Connor was a pioneer in her field and has clearly left an enduring mark on American jurisprudence. Her legacy will continue to inspire and motivate women for years to come."

"Justice O'Connor brought a sense of understanding and a woman's perspective that was absent from the U.S. Supreme Court until her confirmation in 1981. As the first female Supreme Court Justice, she broke through the gender barrier that had excluded women for the first two centuries of the Court's existence," said Rep. Solis. "Justice O'Connor has served honorably as a trailblazer for other women in the law, distinguishing herself as an exceptional legal mind and a tireless champion of women's rights and equality."

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